

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	phil.maxwell@3rivers.coop

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check box if no outages to report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440>	Fixed 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450>	Mobile 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	482255mt510.pdf (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations (check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	482255mt610.pdf (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1010>	482255mt1010.pdf (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? (if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
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<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

462255mt112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	n/a
<812>	Operating Company	n/a

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Blackfeet Reservation


<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

482255mt920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes,No, NA)
Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.3rivers.net/lifelinespecial-needs

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,



<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,



<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.



(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)} ☐

<2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)} ☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification ☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband ☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2019> Interim Progress Certification ☐

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒ Yes ☒ No
(Yes/No) ☒ Yes ☒ No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☒

- (3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

(Yes/No) ☒ Yes ☒ No

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: 3-RIVERS TEL COOP	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/24/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Bradley Veis	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CPO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 8007964567 ext. 4405	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482255	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2014
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	22.0

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
5 Year Plan – 2015 through 2019

Introduction

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (3 Rivers) has been providing communications services in North Central and Southwest Montana for over sixty (60) years. Throughout its history, 3 Rivers has been dedicated to bringing the latest technology services to its customers. Specifically, our key goal is to get at least a 6X1 broadband speed to all 16,000 customers. To that end, we are deploying Fiber to the Home (FTTH) as time and resources allow, and using Fiber to the Node (FTTN) where FTTH is not economically feasible with current technology. This strategy allows us to quickly install improved broadband service to our customers, while working toward the ultimate goal of FTTH in all exchanges.

3 Rivers serves a total of twenty-six (26) exchanges as a LEC, and has deployed FTTH in seven (7) exchanges, with three (3) additional exchanges under construction. In the next five (5) years, 3 Rivers plans to deploy FTTH in another seven (7) exchanges. Additionally, we will be completing electronics upgrades to remote Broadband Loop Carrier (BLC) cabinets increasing broadband speeds to our customers. Another major initiative over the next five (5) years will continue ongoing capacity and redundancy improvements within the network infrastructure.

Selection and prioritization of FTTH buildout is determined by reviewing Trouble Tickets in the various exchanges, maintenance issues on existing copper plant, and the age of that existing plant.

2015 to 2019

In 2015, 3 Rivers will deploy FTTH in our Harrison and Highwood exchanges. The Harrison exchange serves approximately 280 access lines and it encompasses approximately 427 square miles. This requires plowing 100 mainline miles of fiber, and about 25 miles of drops. In the Highwood exchange, we serve approximately 200 access lines, and the area served is approximately 331 square miles. We will plow 120 miles of mainline fiber and 18 miles of drops to deploy FTTH in this exchange. In the Browning exchange, we plan to upgrade three (3) remote buildings with new BLC equipment delivering High Speed broadband to an additional 135 customers while adding two new BLC cabinets delivering High Speed Broadband to another 140 customers.

In 2016, 3 Rivers will finish transitioning customers in Harrison and Highwood to the FTTH platform. We then plan to begin construction of FTTH in the Lima exchange. This exchange encompasses 730 square miles serving approximately 300 access lines. This project includes plowing 160 miles of mainline fiber, 30 miles of drops, and the placement of multiple remote cabinets. Additional BLC cabinets will be placed in the Ennis and Fairfield exchanges to improve Broadband speeds for approximately 80 customers.

In 2017, 3 Rivers plans to finish transitioning customers in the Lima exchange to FTTH, and begin construction on the rural portion of the Sheridan exchange (the town of Sheridan is already served with FTTH). This will encompass almost 200 square miles serving approximately 400 access lines. We will plow nearly 200 miles of mainline fiber, and 70 miles of drops in this exchange. Replacement (or Additional) BLC cabinets are planned for the Belt, Twin Bridges and Choteau exchanges for improved Broadband speeds for another 95 customers.

In 2018, 3 Rivers will complete transitioning customers in the Sheridan exchange to FTTH, and begin construction in the Brady and Valier exchanges. The Brady exchange encompasses approximately 145 square miles serving about 100 access lines. We will plow 80 miles of mainline fiber and 13 miles of drops. Valier has nearly 260 square miles, in the exchange, and we serve just over 400 access lines. We will plow 180 miles of mainline and 33 miles of drops in this exchange. Additional BLC Cabinets will be placed in the Browning Exchange to deliver High Speed Broadband to approximately 120 customers.

In 2019, 3 Rivers will transition Brady and Valier customers to FTTH, and begin construction in the Melrose exchange. The Melrose exchange consists of approximately 320 square miles serving about 140 access lines. This construction will consist of 177 miles of mainline fiber and 17 miles of drops. In addition, electronics upgrading the network backbone will be deployed. Preliminary design work will begin for the next series of exchanges of FTTH deployment.

Consumer Protection

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. complies with the service standards of the State of Montana as promulgated in the Montana Administrative Rule 38.5 subchapter 33, Telecommunications Service Standards.

Office Hours and Telephone Availability

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. maintains a local and toll-free line for taking customer calls. This line is available 24 hours a days, 7 days a week. During normal business hours, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, a customer representative answers and responds to customer inquiries. After normal business hours, 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. contracts with an after hour call center that is able to assist customers. Some calls may be referred back to the business office for specific requests, with expectation that the customer will be called back the next business day.

A typical call to 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. is answered within 15 seconds after the connections are made.

3 Rivers Telephone has five customer service centers as well as bill payment locations throughout our service territory. In addition, bill payment options are available through five local banks and online at 3 Rivers.net. On-line payments may be made with a debit/credit card or through e-check.

Installations, Outages, and Service Calls

New Connect Orders -- which are orders that do not require a technician visit to the location -- expected to be performed within 1-3 business days after an order has been placed.

Except during conditions beyond its control, 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will dispatch a technician the same day that a trouble is received with expectation for same day/next day resolution.

Billing Practices

Thirty days advance notice (in writing) is given to subscribers of any increase in rates.

Back-up Power

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has the following back-up power capabilities:

Switches- stand alone and/or host

All 3 River's Switch locations have battery backup rated to hold the office for 8 Hrs. In addition, either a diesel or propane generator is on site, which automatically comes on in the case of a power outage. These generators are capable of running for over 2 days with no human interface. Propane and diesel providers for each location are available to refill tanks in the case of a prolonged outage. Generators are tested under a full load every week.

Remote Central Offices

All remote central offices are equipped with battery backup rated to hold the office for 8 Hrs. In addition, either a diesel or propane powered generator are located on site with an approximate run time of 48 hours with no maintenance.

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has multiple trailer mounted mobile gasoline and propane powered generators for any buildings without stationary backup power, each with fuel capacity to run approximately 8 hours. These are stored at centralized locations within our Northern and Southern Exchanges.

Subscriber Carrier (DLC's, BLC's, etc.)

All remote Cabinets have batteries capable of maintaining power to the unit for 8 hrs. In addition, 3 Rivers has multiple portable gas or propane powered generators strategically stored at locations throughout our Exchanges for quick deployment in the event of a commercial power failure. The Cabinets are equipped with external connections for use with mobile generators.

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

All 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. customers with copper connections to the Central Office have their NIDs powered from the Central Office.

In the case of customers with fiber optic connections to the Central Office, these customers are provided a battery backup unit at their location. These batteries are rated to last 6 hours.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. maintains multiple forms of redundancy across its network, including copper/Sonet, Fiber/IP based, and microwave. 3 Rivers also leases capacity from other carriers to enhance its ability to have multiple routes to remote locations. 3 Rivers assures that its upstream providers, for both voice and data, maintain redundancy in their Networks as well. All critical equipment installed by 3 Rivers in its network is "Carrier Grade", with redundancy.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

3 Rivers, by way of internal redundancy, and through the cooperative efforts with partner and upstream carriers, has the ability to re-route traffic in the case of an outage. 3 Rivers monitors traffic flows to maintain adequate capacity.

Tribal Governmental Engagement

3 Rivers contacted the Tribal Council four times during the course of the year but was not able to arrange a meeting in 2013. The company continues to try to meet with the Tribal Council pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9).

Consequently in 2013 3 Rivers was not able to address:

- Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions,
- Feasibility and sustainability planning, or
- Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner.

On an ongoing basis through projects on the Blackfeet reservation 3 Rivers is compliant with:

- Right of way processes,
- Land Use permitting requirements,
- Facilities Siting rules,
- Environmental Review processes, and
- Cultural Preservation review processes.
- Tribal Business and Licensing requirement

3 Rivers participates in telecommunication industry tribal engagement work groups and conference presentations/panels.

As noted 3 Rivers struggled in 2013 to meet with the council, they were successful in 2014 meeting on May 29th having a productive meeting and a start to meaningful ongoing dialog.

Community Enhancement Funds

3 Rivers has contributed over \$8,500 to numerous Blackfeet organizations through donations and sponsorships. The contributions include:

- \$400 to the Heart Butte School Transportation Fund
- \$500 each to the Browning and Heart Butte High Schools Banner Scholarships
- \$1,612 to Blackfeet 4-H auction
- \$750 to the Blackfeet Community Development Harvest Moon Ball
- \$400 to the community Volunteer Fire Departments
- \$200 to the Native American Community Development Corp
- Over \$2,500 to other various school and youth related projects

The Radio Shack franchise store provides a community meeting room available for community non-profit organizations at no cost and any organization/company for a nominal fee.

2013 Upgrades and New Installations

3 Rivers upgraded the Meriwether, Blackfoot and Bearspaw remotes to provide higher speed Broadband – basically from 1 meg to 6meg or more. We also upgraded the switch to a state-of-the-art MetaSwitch soft switch from a Legacy DMS-10

3 Rivers Continues to operate a Radio Shack franchise store, allowing tribal members to purchase electronics, receive live assistance, etc. locally.

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As evidenced by the data provided in line 700 of this Form 481, the Company's voice service pricing is less than \$46.96; \$46.96 is 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate for local services of \$20.46 (DA 14-384, March 20, 2014).

Lifeline provides qualified telephone customers discounts on monthly basic telephone services only. The monthly basic service plan, which is the same for regular telephone subscribers and lifeline subscribers, allows a customer to make unlimited local and 911 calls. Features such as voice mail, caller ID, call waiting, etc. and toll calls (long distance) are available to the lifeline subscriber at the same rate that is available to the general public.

The descriptions and rates of the features and toll offerings are contained on the next two pages.

The Lifeline eligibility, certification, and household certification requirements can be found on the 3 Rivers website at <http://www.3rivers.net/lifelinespecial-needs>.

Telephone Features



Add any of the features below to your local phone service for just \$5 per month!

Anonymous Call Rejection

Call Forward Busy

Call Forward Don't Answer

Call Forward Remote Access

Call Forwarding

Call Waiting

Caller ID Name and Number

Caller ID On Call Waiting

Conference Calling

Conference Calling Plus

Continuous Redial

Distinctive Ring

Last Call Return

Selective Call Acceptance

Selective Call Forwarding

Selective Call Rejection

Speed Dialing

Voice Mail

Other Special Calling Services Available

Account Codes *	\$4.00 per month
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Originating Call Management *	\$8.00 per month
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Teen Service *	\$4.00 per month
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Toll Restriction *	\$5.00 per month
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* One-time programming fee applies. Please call for details.

Long Distance - Calling Plans**3 Rivers 600-Minute Long Distance Plan ****

Get 600 minutes of Long Distance calls added to your basic 3 Rivers telephone service for just **\$29.95** per month. Plus, you'll save on any calls made beyond 600 minutes with a discounted rate of 10 cents per minute.

Save \$4.95 by adding the 600-Minute Long Distance Plan to your \$5 Unlimited Calling Features plan. (Available only to customers who have 3 Rivers local telephone service.)

Long Distance Basics

- 15 cents per minute anywhere in the United States any time of day (including AK & HI)*
- 22 cents per minute calling cards*
- Incoming nationwide toll free (optional)
 - \$2.50 per month and 15 cents per minute
 - \$4.95 per month and 10 cents per minute

8-Cents-Per-Minute Plan

- 8 cents per minute anywhere in the United States anytime of day for \$7.95 per month*

Contact our Customer Service Department at 1-800-796-4567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to sign up for any of our Long Distance services or to obtain more detailed information.

** Does not include federal, state or local taxes and fees.*

***600-Minute Long Distance Plan Terms and Conditions*

3 Rivers' 600-Minute Long Distance Plan is available only to 3 Rivers local service customers for typical domestic residential voice usage only. Plan covers direct-dial calls to the lower 48 United States (does not include Alaska, Hawaii or Canada). Monthly recurring charge applies per line. Plan may not be used for dial-up internet access; other restrictions apply. Directory Assistance/Information calls are not included as part of the 600 Minute Long Distance plan. Usage may be monitored for compliance with plan restrictions. Long Distance service provided by 3 Rivers Telephone Coop, Inc. Subject to all taxes, tariffs and regulations. All rates subject to change. Contact a 3 Rivers customer representative for further information at 1-800-796-4567.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		This data will be furnished to the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Telecommunications, and will be made available to the public. BORROWER NAME 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data)			
(FNU) RUS requires report in RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2013	RUS REPORTING PERIOD 12/31/13		
CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7 CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.					
<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said delinquency is so specified in the Telecommunications Report.					
Bradley Veale		4/2/2014 DATE			
PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	10,027,601	16,463,771	25. Accounts Payable	6,485,488	3,248,320
2. Cash RUS Construction Fund	1,000	1	26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	748,679	1,404,028
a. Telecom. Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	105,725	107,335
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	2,983,732	3,700,672
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom. Accounts Receivable	1,422,994	1,658,062	32. Income Taxes Accrued	(100,000)	0
b. Other Accounts Receivable	658,810	2,073,605	33. Other Taxes Accrued	534,628	621,954
c. Notes Receivable	400,000		34. Other Current Liabilities	1,477,158	1,813,538
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	(257)		35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	10,439,455	10,785,747
6. Material-Regulated	3,510,168	2,197,064	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated	360,571	306,561	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	10,284,321	12,053,428
8. Prepayments	257,199	286,814	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	1,899,791	811,520
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	16,638,086	22,985,878	39. Funded Debt-Other	7,346,912	6,487,424
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recaptured Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	4,419,047	4,736,684	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	6,212,268	6,053,427	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	26,477,936	30,242,372
13. Nonregulated Investments	7,636,766	6,834,615	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	28,317	437,557	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,281,205	2,789,181
15. Deferred Charges	330,235	218,447	48. Other Deferred Credits	1,102,885	1,569,771
16. Unallocated Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	18,626,633	18,280,730	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	2,384,090	4,358,952
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom. Plant-in-Service	180,561,985	189,013,526	51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
19. Property, including Future Use	91,923	91,923	52. Additional Paid-in Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction	1,538,256	1,332,372	53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Not Reported: Plant & Subplant	10,490,239	9,628,320	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(24,909,135)	(28,506,967)	55. Other Capital	2,778,113	2,718,845
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	167,772,058	171,579,373	56. Patronage Capital Credits	4,581,120	40,606,814
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings & Margins	1,125,115	2,788,786
	183,037,777	112,445,907	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	8,484,024	40,704,425
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	35,351,481	45,789,544

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION	
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		PERIOD ENDING	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		December, 2017	
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues	5,601,022	5,413,750	
2. Network Access Services Revenues	21,207,538	21,203,637	
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	1,508,420	1,450,301	
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues			
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	776,166	776,146	
6. Uncollectible Revenues	12,422	(40,181)	
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	29,151,750	28,970,015	
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	7,897,923	6,893,866	
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	3,278,551	3,138,042	
10. Depreciation Expense	8,062,227	9,837,217	
11. Amortization Expense	0	6,000	
12. Customer Operations Expense	2,522,378	2,527,427	
13. Corporate Operations Expense	4,044,157	4,090,501	
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	25,305,241	26,593,053	
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	3,846,509	2,376,962	
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes	66,200	0	
19. Other Taxes	1,012,562	1,171,131	
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	1,078,762	1,171,131	
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	2,767,727	1,205,831	
22. Interest on Funded Debt	802,619	1,163,152	
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense	6,228	5,527	
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	229,944	76,961	
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	569,593	1,091,918	
27. Nonoperating Net Income	(1,975,525)	1,441,966	
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income	886,854	677,907	
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	2,111,119	2,233,786	
32. Total Taxes Based on Income			
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	2,974,374	1,111,119	
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital	3,974,374	1,111,119	
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	1,111,119	2,233,786	
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	47,837,825	47,837,825	
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital	3,974,374	1,111,119	
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	1,983,076	2,342,095	
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	47,837,825	46,606,849	
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	4,010,646	4,141,680	
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.6253	0.6188	
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+28) / 7]	0.8243	0.5961	
47. TIER [(31+26) / 29]	2.8497	3.0453	
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	2.4297	1.1796	

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		NT0513
INSTRUCTIONS -- See help in the online application.		PERIOD ENDED
		December, 2013
PART I -- STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	10,028,661
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2.	Net Income	2,233,786
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
3.	Add: Depreciation	9,817,217
4.	Add: Amortization	6,000
5.	Other (Explain) Decrease/(Increase) in interest receivable	(257)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(1,649,864)
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	1,367,114
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	82,173
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	0
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(1,417,260)
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	655,458
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	123,652
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	11,417,922
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	400,000
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	1,600
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	10,623,236
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	1591,869
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	341,799
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	0
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	(2,342,095)
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	8,412,606
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(8,265,556)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	643,355
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	(409,340)
27.	Other (Explain) Retirement of plant against the reserve accounts and net change in intangible assets	(5,383,876)
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(13,415,417)
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	6,435,171
30.	Ending Cash	16,463,772

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

Board of Trustees
3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its subsidiary which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, members' equity and cash flows for the year ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2014. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2014, on our consideration of 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above and our schedule of findings and recommendations related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions on its loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s accounting and records to indicate that 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. did not:

- Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS
(continued)**

- Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;
- Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts;
- Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;
- Record and properly price the retirement of plant;
- Seek approval for the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;
- Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;
- Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;
- Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract, agreement, or lease with an affiliate
- Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;
- Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The detailed schedule of investments in affiliated companies required by 7 CFR 1773.33(i), and attached to this letter, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic consolidated financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as whole.

See attached Schedule of Investments in affiliated companies.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Moss Adams LLP

Spokane, Washington
February 24, 2014